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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that the final rejection on March 10, 2004 of all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) constitutes legal error.

Applicants claim priority to U.S. provisional application no. 60/325,751, filed on January 25, 2001. The claim of priority was made in the application data sheet that was filed with the application. The first sentence of the application as filed also contains a reference to the provisional application. Furthermore, the specification of the present application is substantially identical to the specification of the provisional application. All pending claims are supported by the specification of the provisional application.

The filing date of U.S. patent no. 6,666,009 of Brandon – February 28, 2001 – is almost a full month after the priority date of the present application. Brandon thus cannot be

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prior art under section 102(e), with respect to claims 1-20. The final rejection of claim 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brandon is in error.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the final rejection of the application. As the final Office action contains no other grounds of rejection, the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore also request allowance of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4900 of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.

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